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Innisfil volunteer firefighter raked over the coals

IAN MCINROY
Innisfil Examiner

INNISFIL — A full-time Toronto firefighter who is also an Innisfil resident and volunteer part time firefighter is being taken to task for his services to the community of Innisfil.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), which represents Toronto firefighters, is asking the City of Toronto to fire Cookstown resident Tom Hunse because he also volunteers his services in Innisfil.

Full-time firefighters who volunteer for part-time firefighting work in other municipalities are commonly called two-hatters, and they are frowned upon by the IAFF, according to Hunse's Toronto lawyer, John Gibson.

"They're trying to force the two-hatters out and essentially expand their own membership. That's what their agenda is," Gibson said.

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Another great Fall Flower & Vegetable Show

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

What could be better than tea and treats, served on fine china, in a setting filled with beautiful blooms?

The annual Gilford & District Horticultural Society's annual Fall Flower & Vegetable Show & Tea offered a perfect combination of flowers and Tea, at the Churchill Community Centre on Saturday, September 13. It was the culmination of the growing season, for members - an opportunity to enter both blooms and harvested vegetables, for recognition and bragging rights.

A total of 15 exhibitors entered 180 flowers, vegetables and floral designs for this year's show.

Among the winners:

. 1st place for Gladiolus, and winner of the Glad Trophy - Debbie Ryan.

. Judge's Choice for vegetables - Carrots entered by Diane Sykes.

. 1st place and Best of Show - Dahlia entered by Jenni Murrell

. 1st place for Tall & Slender floral design, and Best of Show - Lynn Schnitter

. Judge's Choice for Design - Jenni Murrell, for her floating roses.

Once again, the Show and Tea offered members and guests an opportunity to relax, enjoy the best of the harvest - and this year, escape the cold, rainy weather that dampened so many outdoor events on Saturday.

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TOP: A colourful harvest at the Gilford & District Horticultural Society's Fall Flower & Vegetable Show, held Saturday at the Churchill Community Centre. RIGHT: Lynn Schnitter's 'Tall & Slender' floral design took a 1st place in its class and won Best in Show.

Toronto union acting in breach of their duty of fair representation: lawyer

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"The Toronto union expelled Tom Hunse from membership in May 2011 on the basis that he was working as a volunteer firefighter in Innisfil."

He has not been fired.

Gibson has launched a duty of fair representation application against the Toronto union.

"I've done that because the union is supposed to serve its own members," he said. "And in this case, the Toronto firefighters union is trying to get one of its own members fired by the City of Toronto. This is a case of the union going after one of its own members.

"I don't think it makes any sense whatsoever," Gibson added. "His work as a volunteer firefighter in Innisfil in his free time has nothing to do with his performance as a full-time firefighter in Toronto.

"He's a great firefighter, he's experienced, totally professional. He's got an unblemished record of service with the City of Toronto.

"The only thing he's guilty of is being a volunteer in is free time in his home community in Innisfil."

Cory Mainprize, president of the Barrie Professional Fire Fighters Association (BPFFA), doesn't see it that way.

While Mainprize doesn't have any direct involvement with Hunse's case, he said there is a reason why the IAFF does not approve of double-hatters.

"The association does not condone or endorse our members working as part-time firefighters in other municipalities. There are health and safety considerations from our standpoint and there's commitment issues to more than one department," Mainprize said. "There's a lot of data supporting the fact that continued exposure to the work that we do — with combustion smoke, chemicals — is having huge detrimental effects on members of the service and there's been been some challenges in the past from corporations (municipalities saying) that he didn't get sick here, he got sick there.

"Those types of issues have arose. We're trying to continually limit the exposure our members are getting to these toxins and chemicals. There's a reason we work the shifts we do and reason we have days off between our shifts. That time is designed to recuperate," Mainprize said, adding that could mean lack of sleep. "There's potential they could be returning to their full-time employer potentially not ready for duty."

Hunse's lawyer doesn't buy that.

"The union may tell you if Tom Hunse is fighting a fire in Innisfil he may be too tired to fight fires safely in Toronto," Gibson said. "The union doesn't care if he works all night doing construction work. All kinds of firefighters do a multitude of things on the side.

"He's a volunteer in Innisfil. He doesn't have to respond to a fire (if he doesn't want to).

The Toronto union has proceeded to file a grievance, which is going to arbitration in October, asking the arbitrator to require the City of Toronto to terminate Hunse.

Gibson said the next step for his client is to go to the labour board.

"We're saying the union is acting in breach of their duty of fair representation, that they're actions are arbitrary, they're in bad faith and they're utterly unreasonable," he said.

In a twist, Gibson said there is a Barrie fire department connection as to how the Toronto IAFF union was alerted to Hunse working part time in Innisfil in the first place.

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Cookstown resident and full-time Toronto firefighter Tom Hunse is being taken to task for volunteering his services with the Innisfil fire department.

"The Toronto union essentially accepted a complaint file by (a) past president of the Barrie union. He filed charges in June 2010 against Tom Hunse and he filed those charges under the IAFF constitution and he did so with the Toronto union," he said.

"So really, this is a case of the Barrie firefighters union telling the Toronto firefighters union to expel Tom Hunse from membership in the union and then the Toronto union telling the City of Toronto to fire Tom Hunse," Gibson said.

"The legal issue is whether the union can force the City of Toronto to fire one of its own members simply because he works, in his free time, as a volunteer in his home community."

And that's what Hunse wants to do.

"I think I'm doing what's right," he said from his Cookstown home on Wednesday. "I don't think the union should be telling me what I can do in my free time. I'm standing up for my rights."

He wants to make it clear that he is not anti-union.

"I think the union does a good job for the most part. But I think they crossed the line."

- The Town of Innisfil has 18 full-time firefighters who are members of the Innisfil Professional Firefighters Association.
- The town has approximately 96 part-time firefighters.
- The fire chief and deputy are not members of the association.

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Municipal Elections – October 27, 2014

As I have been out and about these past few weeks, I can't help but notice that election fever is in the air. The entire community is decorated with all sorts of signs and posters of the candidates vying for our votes come October 27, 2014.

Before even deciding who you should give your vote, you should ensure that your name appears on the Voter's list. The Town of Innisfil's website has a rather sophisticated page dedicated to all things election. Look for the box that states ARE YOU ON THE VOTER'S LIST, enter your first name, your last name and your street address, and in a matter of seconds your confirmation will appear. The page then provides you with information on which ward you are registered and who the candidates are for your ward.

In the event that your name does not appear on the voter's list, you should call the Clerk's office at 705-436-3740 or email clerksoffice@innisfil.ca. You may not appear on the voter's list if you are a new resident to Innisfil, or you have changed address within the last 4 years, or if you are not a citizen of Canada. There is still time to get on the list, so you may want to contact the clerk's office as soon as possible.

On Election Day, October 27th, the polls will be open from 10am until 8pm. Unofficial election results will be released as soon as practicable after 8 pm. In the event of a tie between 2 candidates, the Clerk has 15 days to conduct a recount and announce the updated results.

It is important to carefully review the manifesto of all the candidates before deciding who you should support. You want to vote for someone whose interests are aligned with yours, and who shares your vision of the future growth and development of the town of Innisfil. A list of all the candidates, along with their contact information is available on the town's page.

Best of luck to all the candidates!

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opinion

McGuinty's new gig may fail smell test

Former Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty isn't doing anything illegal by representing a company that wants to sell its products to a government he once led. But, as always, there is a certain amount of shabbiness associated with the situation, a condition shared by many lobbyists who come from government.

After stepping down as premier in early 2013, McGuinty is now representing a Kitchener software company that wants to sell its educational material to the Ontario Ministry of Education. He is a senior part-time adviser.

The company, Desire2Learn, received a $4.25-million grant from the Ontario government in January 2011 (when McGuinty was premier), along with a $3-million grant from the education ministry, and about $14,000 from the Ministry of Transportation.

There is no indication the company did anything illegal in accepting those grants; indeed, many Ontario enterprises receive grants and funds from government.

And Desire2Learn also did nothing wrong in hiring McGuinty. As stipulated by legislation that governs lobbying and other post-political/government service, the former premier had to wait at least a year before signing on with Desire2Learn or any other organization that wants to do business with the province.

Records show he registered as a lobbyist in August — well over a year after leaving government in June 2013.

And yet McGuinty's newest gig has become a lightning rod for anger of Ontarians who say he left behind a mess. There are examples, but chief would be cancellation of two gas-fired electricity plants within the GTA, one just prior to the 2011 election that saw the Liberals lose their majority status at Queen's Park.

There is also the structural deficit created by the former McGuinty government, and a provincial debt that remains staggering.

New Democrats on Wednesday suggested the cooling off period be extended to five years for ex-government people registering as lobbyists.

But McGuinty isn't just another government person; he was premier for almost 10 years. And he didn't leave under the best circumstances.

That he would return to the halls of government, as a paid lobbyist, is galling for many. Just because it's legal doesn't mean it's right.

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Column

Farm show an important event

DEBRA PRETTY-STRAATHOF
Special to the Examiner

Every topic was on the table along the laneways and demo plots at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. The fall season brings the possibility of starting something fresh. New technology to try on next year's crop. And new opportunities that could add to the bottom line of your farm business. Lower commodity prices and rainy weather didn't dampen the positive outlook facing Ontario agriculture.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) welcomed Ontario farmers at the show with conversations, special events and demonstrations.

Member service representatives and OFA directors were on hand in Federation House to talk about whatever was on the minds of OFA members.

Key lobbying issues, including regulations, risk management, rural infrastructure, wildlife damage, environmental stewardship and energy are always popular discussions.

OFA staff were encouraged about the number of questions from new and beginning farmers.

The show also provided a great chance for OFA to talk with members about the innovations and new technology they come to see at the show.

For a second year in a row, young farmers were invited to a special OFA Young Farmer Tailgate Social at the farm show.

Approximately 80 people attended the event that created a forum for networking with others at the beginning of their career in farming, and provided OFA with the opportunity to find out about the unique issues they face.

Innovation is always on everyone's mind at the show.

And this year, OFA sponsored a corn stover/biomass plot with live demonstrations of harvesting and processing corn stalks on site.

Biomass represents an emerging opportunity for Ontario agriculture, opening new markets for growers.

Many of the OFA's benefit partners exhibited in Federation House, making sure OFA members are taking full advantage of the exclusive offers and programs available including transportation, financial services, farm supply and communications.

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show is an important annual event for agriculture and the OFA, bringing the industry together to share ideas, innovations and opportunities for the coming season.

Debra Pretty-Straathof is an Executive Member of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

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Letters

Paws for a Cause a great success

The weather was glorious! Our new location was perfect! Our sponsors, exhibitors and volunteers were outstanding!

On Sept 07th, the 11th annual Paws for a Cause Family Fun Day was held at Stroud Community Centre in support of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. www.dogguides.com

Due to the generosity of our sponsors and those in attendance, we raised $7,983.75, bringing the overall total since 2004 to $98,100.13.

A special thank you is extended to the RU Ready Agility Team for the surprise donation of $1274, generously matched by Liz Gordon, owner of Pet Country Estate, as well as an unexpected, but much appreciated, donation of $500 from the winner of the 50/50 raffle, W. Baguley.

The day's programme was filled with activities and entertainment for everyone, from dog demonstrations, fire & rescue & police services, B101, charity BBQ, silent auction, vendors, kids zone, Innisfil Rotary train rides, to our newest addition- the corn on the cob eating contest.

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If you missed the opportunity to attend Paws for a Cause this year, mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept 13, 2015.

In Appreciation,

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Medical marijuana facilities get another look

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

A By-law Amendment that would restrict the location of Medical Marijuana production facilities to lands zoned General Industrial or Industrial Park came back to Council on September 17 - but first, Councillors heard from a number of speakers, both for and against.

"For" was AlternaMedz CAO George Ragogna, a self-described "spokesperson for a new industry," who emphasized that although his company has an application before Health Canada - one of 1,100 - there has been no formal application to the Town, for any specific site.

Ragogna spoke in Open Forum, with the goal of addressing "misinformation and misunderstandings." He pointed out that the Health Canada approvals process is "extensive and exhaustive," with full security checks, "and profile checks of who we are and who we associate with."

Applicants must identify their sources of funding, undergo employee training, and meet all standards. "You ask, who are you inviting into Town (by approving a Medical Marijuana facility)? We say you are inviting corporate Canada... Who is financing this? Large private and public investment companies... Who will work there? Microbiologists, lab technicians, IT, horticulturalists..."

Ragogna insisted that, with the checks and balances in place, public safety would not be compromised - and asked how a medical marijuana plant differs from any other pharmaceutical company that might be welcomed to town.

Other delegations were opposed.

Gregory Cox was in Council to present an updated petition, signed by Cookstown residents opposed to a Medical Marijuana facility in their village - a petition that now has "225-plus signatures, in a town of 1600."

His concerns centred around the belief that AlternaMedz is looking at taking over and expanding an industrial building at 3745 Hwy. 89 - and warned of the risk of flooding, pollution, the threat to public safety, and the potential violation of the Charter of Rights, especially in light of what he described as "the lack of public notice" and consultation.

"We feel it requires lengthier debate, consultation and process," Cox said, calling for an Environmental Impact Study. He also suggested that the "horticultural aspect" of medical marijuana should be restricted to agricultural, and not industrial, lands. "This is an inappropriate area to put this. There are other places in Innisfil that might be more appropriate."

"I think we need to re-look at the whole issue, not just in Cookstown," said the next delegate, John Holland - but rather than an agricultural zoning, he suggested that a Medical Marijuana facility should be considered a heavy industrial use, and that the separation between the plant and "sensitive" land uses, from schools to homes, should be a minimum of 100 metres, not the 70 metres proposed in the By-law.

> **"We feel it requires lengthier debate, consultation and process."**
>
> *Concerned resident*

Holland also warned that if there is a fire at the plant, "people will be evacuated from their homes or not want to return due to what would be in the smoke from a fire" - a cost that should be considered, when evaluating a location in Innisfil. "What if numerous members of our Innisfil community are addicted after exposure and it ruins their life?"

Cookstown resident Sarah Currie said that she was not opposed to medical marijuana. "I think there has been a misconception that we are against medical marijuana. We are not against medical marijuana, we are against the location - because we are all living on that street."

Currie cited a lack of transparency in the process, in two other Ontario municipalities approved for Medical Marijuana facilities. "Remember, it is the taxpayers who put you where you are," she told Council. "Where are our democratic rights?"

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NOTICE

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Where Town and Country Meet

Please note that the first installment of the 2014 Final Tax Notice is due Sept 26th, 2014. Ratepayers who have not received a Final Tax Notice should contact the Municipal Office as soon as possible and direct any questions to the Tax Dept. at (705)424-9917 ext. 202 or 106.

Vera Vieira
Tax Collector

News Release

Innisfil Hydro is undergoing tremendous growth, according to President and CEO George Shaparew. Long range planning identifies that Innisfil Hydro will grow more than 240% by the year 2031. Not only is the Town of Innisfil's population slated to grow from 34,000 to 56,000, but South Barrie is proposed to grow by 39,000 over the same period. All of this growth is in addition to the Friday Harbour development, along with the strategic employment lands adjacent to the Highway 400 corridor.

Our obligation under provincial legislation is to prepare for growth in a timely manner. We are required to connect our customers within specified regulated timeframes. Electrical infrastructure is capital intensive and requires years of planning, engineering and construction lead time. It is mandatory to invest and meet customer and regulatory requirements.

In keeping with our long range planning, we are well underway with the construction of our new Operations and Administration Centre at 7251 Yonge Street (south of Innisfil Beach Road). The new facility will consolidate our resources under a single roof. Currently at the Commerce Park site, Innisfil Hydro staff are scattered throughout three former model homes and two former school portables. In addition, the Commerce Park site has a number of other site limitations including customer accessibility and safety which necessitated our re-location.

The new site will allow us to work in cooperation with our municipal colleagues (operations - roads and parks) through the sharing of certain infrastructure services, fueling services, fleet and maintenance amongst other similar opportunities. The anticipation of cost savings both current and future is well in excess of $1M.

Since its inception, the new facility was designed to meet the requirements of LEED certification through the Canadian Green Building Council. The building footprint takes into consideration the growth demands for our respective communities.

Although Shaparew notes that the $12M investment in the new facility is for the future, prudent planning principles validate the necessary investment and enable us to be prepared for the future.

An Open House is being planned following our move.

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Concerns raised about water taking business

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Innisfil Council has approved its new Commercial Water Taking Policy - but not before criticizing both commercial water-taking applicant John Harris, and the Ministry of the Environment.

Town Council had approved a rezoning for Harris' property, to facilitate the commercial operation based on the information provided, that he intended to reduce the planned water-taking to 240,000 Litres per day.

However, information provided by resident Megan Varga confirmed that Harris, in his application to the MOE, asked for a water-taking of 360,000 - a 50% increase.

"I was disappointed, as many in this room," to see the increase, said Director of Land Use Management Tim Cane. He suggested the Town will continue to process the application based on the lower numbers, and will have to "wait and see" what the Ministry approves.

"Why should we even pass this tonight, if he misled us?" asked Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson, referring the the new Policy.

"This gives us a level of direction and protection we don't have," said Cane, urging Council to vote in favour. "Then we can deal with Mr. Harris' moving target through the site plan process."

Mayor Barb Baguley expressed her "dismay" not only at the higher water-taking in the application, but the lack of notification from the Province. "We're finding out from a resident something they should have told us."

Council voted to approve the new water-taking policy - but also to direct the Mayor to communicate with the MOE to discuss "the apparent lack of proper notice," and ask for an extension of the 30 day comment period - which expired before the Town even learned that the application had been received.

The mayor was also asked to express "Innisfil's concerns with increasing water-taking without further hydrological assessment."

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High school sports in flux

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Nantyr Shores Secondary School Tritons Connor Reid makes a catch despite good coverage by Innisdale Secondary School Invaders Datun Aketepe during the Barrie Examiner's Thursday Night Lights game at the Midhurst Sports Complex in 2013.

IAN MCINROY
Innisfil Examiner

Dwindling student numbers are leading to changes in Simcoe County high school sports, with some activities being curtailed or cancelled altogether.

"I'm hearing from some (high school) athletic directors that they're having to go out and ask kids to come out for the teams," said Kelly Breedon-Elliott, athletic director for the Simcoe County District School Board and chairwoman of the Simcoe County Athletics Association (SCAA), a multi-board organization that includes all secondary school athletics.

"That was never the case. We always had lots of kids trying out for teams, but it seems with social media and other pulls on time, it's not such a focus for groups coming in," she added. "We've had 16 teams drop out of various schedules. Of those 16, 11 are junior teams.

"I understand it's difficult for athletic directors to know who's coming in, but in the past, we've always had lots of kids in Grade 9 come out for sports teams. So we're not seeing that trend as strongly as we used to."

Breedon-Elliott said there have already been some sports programs cancelled this year.

"We've had withdraws from girls basketball, junior girls flag football, junior and senior boys soccer and volleyball. The only sport that's remained intact this year is football," she said, adding that SCAA officials were aware earlier this year that there would be no senior football this fall at Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Alcona.

"Nantyr did not declare themselves in when we started making the schedules in June. They made their decision based on who they knew was coming in," Breedon-Elliott said.

"They didn't actually drop out of the schedule; they didn't put themselves in to start with."

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Changes needed to attract more students to sports

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Schools would do well to inform the SCAA as soon as they can when they realize there could be less students able to take part in certain sporting activities, she said.

"This is the work we need other people to be doing in their schools, quite frankly," she said. "With less kids coming in, where you might have 15 or 20 kids try out for junior teams, now they're getting five to 10. It's pretty tough to run a program with five kids, regardless of the sport."

But three high schools — St. Joseph's in Barrie, St. Theresa's in Midland and Patrick Fogarty Catholic in Orillia — are bucking the trend and starting up football programs.

Senior teams will hit the gridiron at St. Joe's and St. Theresa's and a junior squad from Patrick Fogarty is playing its first season.

"There was a lot of interest from the student body at the schools and a keen coaching staff is ready to kick-off the season in a big way," said Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board spokeswoman Pauline Stevenson. "After not running a program last year, St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Barrie has a full roster of students ready to play at the senior level.

There are lots of factors that could be responsible for the shrinking number of team sports in some of the other county high schools, Breedon-Elliott said.

"Some schools are hit harder by this than others. There's less kids in each school, except for one or two that have increased their enrolment," she said. "It's maybe not as cachet to belong to a school team. Students are doing other things after school. Certainly, making a commitment to a school team requires quite a bit of time on their part.

"A lot of their socializing is online — not necessarily in all families — so that can take up a lot of time. And I know lots of kids that work 25, 30 hours a week and go to school," she said. "There's only so many hours in the day. I guess it's just a reflection of a change in society."

Breedon-Elliott said giving students the sporting activities students they want, and making them accessible, is key.

"We all think from our past experience. We have to think about what's happening in the future," she said.

"If students are not choosing school sports because they're committed to other things and they're working or whatever reason — and there's not as many (sports offered) — then we have to look at how we can structure our sports differently.

"Nobody wants to say they're going to run something and you get some interest in the school and then you have to cancel it because we didn't have enough interest."

She said particularly at the junior level, kids who want to participate — maybe not at the same level of commitment or travel — should be able to do it.

"We're going to have to be doing things differently going forward," Breedon-Elliott said. "That may mean taking the junior sports level and making it sort of a local thing. So you'd play some scheduled games locally and have a couple of mini-tournaments and championship day and then that's it."

Teams wouldn't have to follow the senior schedules that are really tight for time because of the OFSSA dates, she added.

"Everything we set for scheduling has to go around the end (of the season). Whereas in junior team sports, we don't need representatives for OFSSA, that's really only for individual sports."

Breedon-Elliott said perhaps the best thing about high school sports is that students get to play with their friends.

"In community sports, you might be in different leagues at different levels of competition," she said. "In high school, groups of kids can get to know one-another, challenging themselves, setting group goals and trying to accomplish something."

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Residents not happy with new traffic lights

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

When the Town of Innisfil installed a set of pedestrian-activated lights at the corner of Anna Maria Ave. and Ashwood, it was with the blessing of the school community at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic elementary school.

The lights were designed to provide a safer crossing for children attending the school - better than the 4-way stop that had been installed at the road intersection and driveway to the school.

But one year later, residents in the Alcona neighbourhood are up in arms, arguing that the placement of the lights creates a hazard for children, and calling for their removal or relocation.

"The only time the street is busy is in the morning, and in the afternoon. It's made it worse," says Brian Ackerley - with cars racing to beat the changing lights, queuing up to turn into the driveway to the school, and swinging around the corner from Ashwood west onto Anna Maria, and through the crossing. "The stops worked well."

Ackerley has other reasons for complaint: The green glow of the lights shine into his upper windows at all hours - and the white line on the pavement, marking the point where vehicles must stop for the light, blocks his driveway.

Neighbour Martin O'Carrigan is incensed by the placement. He points out that the entry the children use is at the extreme east end of the school - which means students must walk west to the lights - incidentally crossing Ashwood - use the crossing, and then walk all the way back to the east doors, past parked school buses spewing exhaust.

"It's chaos in the morning, and it's chaos at 4 p.m... It's how not to do it," O'Carrigan says.

"There's no way that they could have done any sort of research, any sort of walk-about," says Debi McGuin-O'Carrigan, noting that not only is the student entry at the east side of the building, there is also a public playground at the east end of the property. Placing the crossing at the west end, forcing kids to cross Ashwood to access the crossing "is the most ridiculous thing."

She adds, "Even if they use it, they still have to cross where these buses and parents are rushing in and out (of the school driveway)."

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Pedestrian activated lights at Anna Maria and Ashwood Avenue, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Alcona, Innisfil. Residents in the area have questioned the location of the lights and the removal of the stop signs at intersection.

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Interim control by-law

FROM PAGE 3

She accused the Town of providing more notification of road repairs, than the Medical Marijuana debate. "Cookstown is a heritage town. Is marijuana heritage?"

Mayor Barb Baguley continued to point out that what was under consideration was a town-wide zoning amendment - since no specific site application has been received by the Town.

In the end, Council did not vote on the amendment to the Zoning By-law. Instead, Councillor Lynn Dollin called for the by-law to be referred back to staff to consider all the options, and consult further with the public - and for the Town to pass an Interim Control By-law that would prevent any applications from being considered until after the review.

Deputy CAO and Director of Legal Services Jason Reynar explained that Section 38 of the Municipal Act gives a municipal government the power to essentially place a freeze on applications, for as long as the policy is under review - for a maximum of 1 year. Section 38 "is designed exactly for this circumstance, when there is a new use."

The resolution passed by Council called an "interim control By-law that prohibits the use of land within the municipality for a medical marijuana facility, except for such uses that were legally established prior to the passing of this by-law."

Councillor Dollin was pleased with the decision, and the opportunity for more discussion.

"We have had a public meeting, and we have had some good debate, but it was directed to a site" - the supposed Cookstown location. The new, broader discussion will be on town-wide issues, including separation from sensitive uses, and whether the proper zoning is Agricultural or Industrial. "More work needs to be done," she said.

"Council has heard the people who came as delegations tonight," said Councillor Doug Lougheed. "Certainly there's going to be greater Public engagement."

Councillor Rod Boynton said that although he hesitated to "dump something like this on the new Council," he agreed with the delay. "I have to agree - this needs to be gotten right. If we did this tonight, I believe we'd be rushing it."

Council shows support for 'double-hatters'

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The stand of the International Association of Fire Fighters against "Double-Hatters" - those of its members employed as full-time firefighters in one jurisdiction, who volunteer as firefighters in another municipality - led Innisfil Council to pass a resolution on Wednesday night, and express their support for "Double-Hatter" Tom Hunse.

Hunse, a long-time resident of Cookstown, is employed as a Professional Firefighter by the Toronto Fire Service, but also volunteers with Innisfil Fire & Rescue, in his home community. The Union has demanded that he be fired from his full-time job; so far, the city of Toronto has refused - but the matter goes to Grievance Arbitration this fall.

Councillor Lynn Dollin presented a Resolution that reads, in part: "Whereas a volunteer firefighter in the Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service is challenging the IAFF ban on Double Hatting and their expulsions from that union because of his desire to continue volunteering while being employed as a full-time firefighter in another jurisdiction; and Whereas, the right of individuals to use their free time in service of their community is a fundamental right in a free, open and democratic society" - and asks that the Provincial government amend the Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997 to provide protection for Double Hatters.

The Resolution also directs Town staff to "take all necessary steps to support the fights of Double Hatters, to achieve the above-noted legislative change."

Dollin noted that the ban on Double Hatters "is not just an Innisfil issue. It's an entire Ontario-wide issue." There is not only the potential loss of volunteers in small communities that rely on a volunteer or mixed fire service, "over 85% of Ontarians believe that full-time Firefighters should get to do what they want to do in their free time," she said.

"I support the Professional Firefighters, and I also support the volunteers," said Councillor Richard Simpson. "We have a North American-wide union that is trying to bully the volunteers."

Mayor Barb Baguley praised Hunse. "How incredibly proud we should all be of this individual who is standing up (to the Union), his stick-to-itiveness... This is a man who wants to give to his community."

Baguley pointed out, "This is a simple fix. We're not asking for millions of dollars, we're not asking for hearings... This is a stroke of the pen fix. The legislature could resolve this tomorrow."

In a recorded vote, the Resolution passed 7-1, with Councillor Rod Boynton abstaining due to conflict of interest - and Councillor Ken Simpson, a former professional firefighter now retired, voting against, telling Council that he felt he did not have enough information on the issue to support the resolution.

The Resolution will now be forwarded to other municipalities, asking for their support. "Hopefully the pressure will come to bear on the Legislature," said Mayor Baguley. "This Double Hatter situation is just not tolerable any more... We're proud to stand behind (Hunse), beside him, and in front of him."

Location of lights determined through consultation

FROM PAGE 8

Andy Campbell, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure says that the location of the lights was determined through consultation with the Principal and School Council - and chosen "to keep the kids from crossing the parking lot," at the busiest times of day.

"There isn't a great solution there," Campbell admits. "The school was never designed to have all that traffic. That was the only place to put (the lights) to keep (students) out of parking lot traffic."

He noted that it is Town policy to replace traditional Pedestrian crossings with the pedestrian-activated traffic lights, at all of the schools in the municipality. The cost of the installation on Anna Maria was $197,327 - which included $80,169 for the lights/electrical, and another $117,158 for sidewalks and other costs, including the actual installation.

To remove and reinstall the lights "would be in the $80,000 region, depending on location, utility conflicts and power supply, etc.," Campbell advised.

Asked about a solution, Campbell suggested better enforcement by Police, better design of school parking lots and traffic flow, and better driving on the part of parents.

"What will get the parents to drive more safely? I don't know," Campbell says, suggesting that having kids participate in "Walking School Buses" instead of being driven, might be a solution - or installing a full set of traffic lights at the west-end driveway, if Council approves the expenditure.

"I've talked to residents. I understand them. But that was the best location we could come up with, working with the school," Campbell says.

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SEPT. 19

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion is starting up Fun Darts on Friday evenings. Sign up is at 7 p.m., darts begin at 7:30 p.m., and the cost is only $2 per evening. You don't have to be a member of the Legion to come and play! The Legion is located on Robinson Street in Belle Ewart.

SEPT. 19

St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown hosts their BBQ Salmon Dinner on Friday, Sept. 19, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults $18, children under 12 are $6, and tots 5 and under eat for free. For ticket information contact Diane at 705-458-2723. Come out and enjoy a great meal and fellowship.

SEPT. 19

The 6th annual Bradford West Gwillimbury Studio Art Tour, a self-directed tour of artists' studios and public venues, will be taking place Sept. 19-21. Meet the artists, view and purchase original works of art from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The annual event will once again include a Silent Auction of student artwork, raising money for charity. To preview works by the participating artists, drop by the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, on display until Sept.r 18. There will also be an artists' reception at the library on Tuesday, August 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Meet the artists, preview their works, and enjoy light refreshments in this celebration of arts and culture.

SEPT. 20

Irish Claddagh Club: The club's annual bus strip to St. Jacob's will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20. Tickets are $30 and passengers can picked up behind the Kozlov Centre and Innisfil Beach Road commuter parking lot. The price includes a membership to the club. For information, call Angie at 705-456-1595.

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SEPT. 20

The Innisfil Historical Society meets on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at KnockSchoolhouse (#7756 10 Sideroad at 9th Line, Innisfil). The guest presenters will be some Nantyr Shores Secondary School students and teachers who will share with us the experience of their trip to Europe for the D-Day celebration on the beaches of Normandy. All are welcome! annette.moses@sympatico.ca.

SEPT. 25

The 9th Annual Indulge Your Senses gala, a fundraiser for DeafBlind Ontario Services, will be taking place on Thursday, September 25 at the Club At Bond Head, presented by Meridian. Indulge Your Senses is a women-only, upscale evening of spa services - including massage, reflexology, manicures, make-up and facials - wine tasting and gourmet food. Highlights of the evening include "Dessert in the Dark," a blindfolded dessert indulgence; the Silent Auction; and a Trip Raffle, offering the prize of a round trip for 2 anywhere that West Jet flies. Guests will receive a beauty Swag Bag, and an escort by Firefighters. For tickets, sponsorship and other opportunities, contact scd@deafblindontario.com or call 905-853-2862 ext. 233 - or visit www.deafblindontario.ca Tickets are only $75 per person - and be warned: last year's event sold out!

SEPT. 25

Farmers' Market: The Innisfil Farmers' Market is open every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The market takes place at 7315 Yonge St. and includes local produce, honey, cheese and baked goods. Some of the baked goods are also gluten free. Live music also available.

SEPT. 26

The Neighbourhood Plate, a showcase of locally grown produce and chefs, will take place Friday, Sept. 26, starting at 6 p.m. at the Cookstown Branch of the Innisfil Public Library. It's a harvest celebration featuring appetizers and live music on the patio, followed by an elegant four-course meal that highlights the season's best from the Innisfil Farmers' Market. Tickets are $45 each, available at any branch of the Innisfil Public Library, or online at www.innisfil.library.on.ca. The event is a fundraiser for The Friends of the Innisfil Public Library and their programs, from children's programming to author visits.

SEPT. 26

The 12th annual Colours of Music festival brings an eclectic lineup of music, performers and entertainment to seven different venues in Barrie, 30 concerts, over a 10-day period starting Friday, Sept. 26 to Oct. 5. Festival passports are $85 for adults, $25 for students. For students, it includes all performances. Individual tickets range from $15 to $35 for adults. Pass Plus concerts are an extra $15 for passport holders. For students, concerts are $5 each. Tickets and passports are available in advance at Music Pro, 56 Barrie View Dr., 725-1070 or Our House, 55 Dunlop St. E., 725-0829 as well as at the door. For additional information, see www.coloursofmusic.ca.

SEPT. 27

Barkfest Dog Festival and Harvest Fall Food Fair takes place at the Essa Agriplex in Essa Township, Sept. 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $10. The event will benefit COPE Service Dogs, and dog rescue operations. An event for foodies, families and canine companions!

SEPT. 27

Antique Show: St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill is conducting an "Antique and Collectible" sale on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Antique Market in Innisfil at Highway 400 and Innisfil Beach road. All items have been appraised and are being sold at less than dealer prices - bartering will be part of the fun. All funds raised will go to St. Peter's as a debt reduction endeavour. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Carole at 705-431-2428 for details.

SEPT. 28

The 5th annual Base Borden Run in support of Operation Hero will take place Sept. 28 at the base and features runs to test all skill levels, including a 5k, 10k, and half marathon (21.1k). Money raised from this event goes to Georgian College in support of the"Operation Hero Scholarship – which provides funding of education for the families and dependants of our troops. Registrations for run/walk are available at www.basebordenrun.ca. For further information, contact Sheila Hissa of the Simcoe Ccounty Home Builders' Association at 705-728-5030.

OCT. 3

Innisfil Eastern Star will host a Card Party on Friday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria St., Stroud. Games will include Bid Euchre and Progressive Euchre. The will be cash prizes and a lunch served. The cost of the evening is $7. For information or tickets, call 705-722-7275. Innisfil Eastern Star will be hosting additional Card Parties the first Friday of each month including Friday Nov. 7, and Friday, Dec. 5.

OCT. 5

The Back Alley Cruisers of Bradford will be holding their 21st Pre-Show Snow car and truck show at the Georgian Bay Steam Show Grounds, Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great antiques, classics, muscle cars, street rods, cruisers and more - plus a BBQ, and games. A fundraiser for the Helping Hand Food Bank in Bradford.

NOV. 1

Christmas bazaar: A Christmas bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 6254 Yonge St., in Churchill. The event will include a toonie table, silent auction, crafts, bake sale and more. There will be something for everyone. Start your Christmas shopping early. Tickets will also be available for purchase on the Queensize quilt, 82" x 105", made by Carol Smurthwaite. $2 each or 3 for $5.Contact 705-456-6737 for information, or visit website at www.stpeterschurchill.org

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Innisfil Celtic Festival

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The 3rd Annual Innisfil Celtic Festival took place at Innisfil Beach Park, September 13 - weaving together the Celtic threads that are part of the tapestry of Canada's history.

MP for York Simcoe Peter Van Loan, among the dignitaries opening the Festival, pointed out that the symbols carved in stone in the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, and emblazoned "all through the buildings themselves, reflecting the roots of our country," include not only the French fleur-de-lis and English Lion, but the symbols of Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The festival began with the massed Innisfil, White Heather, Clans of New Tecumseth, and Haliburton Highlanders Pipe & Drum bands, parading through the park.

There were sheep-herding demonstrations, sword battles by Barrie Swordplay, Strongman and Highland Games competitions, and music on the main stage.

It was, said MPP Julia Munro, not only a reflection of Innisfil's roots, "but the pride that today, people feel" in their heritage, in a multicultural country. It was also a celebration of community.

Catherine Hall, founder of the Irish Claddagh Club, noted that the idea for the festival blossomed after a consultant, in 2011, proposed changing the name of the "Town of Innisfil", in an effort to dissociate the municipality from a barrage of negative publicity at the time.

Residents objected strongly, and spoke in favour of retaining "Innisfil."

"Innis is the Irish for 'green meadows', " said Hall, a link to the Irish settlers who came to the area in the 19th century, and part of the community's heritage. "The name didn't change, and the Town got a Celtic Festival."

Unfortunately, this year's festival was plagued with what Chair Gord Wauchope termed "Scottish weather" - rainy, cold and damp - limiting both the activities and the number of visitors to the park on Lake Simcoe, although the rain kept the meadows green.

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TOP: Massed pipe & drum bands - Innisfil, White Heather, Clans of Tecumseth and Haliburton Highlanders - march through Innisfil Beach Park in the pouring rain on Saturday to kick off the 3rd annual Innisfil Celtic Festival. ABOVE LEFT: Competitor Joyce Kerr lifts a 100 lb. log over her head during the strongman/woman competition ABOVE: A Barrie Swordplay Association knight with in full armour puts on a demonstration .

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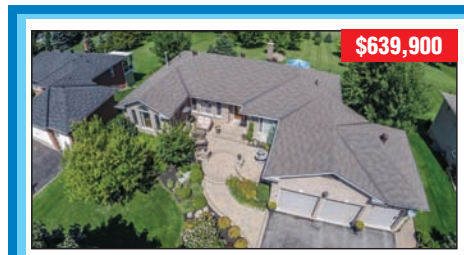

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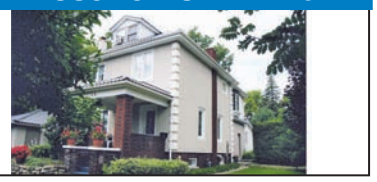

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Barrie and District home sales running just short of record levels in August

Residential property sales recorded through the MLS® System of the Barrie & District Association of REALTORS® Inc. numbered 437 units in August 2014. This was an increase of 10 per cent from last August.

Within the City of Barrie sales activity rose 13 per cent from a year earlier. The City of Barrie saw 266 residential sales in August. A year-over-year increase of six per cent was recorded in surrounding areas, where sales activity totalled 171 units.

"August was another strong month for home sales in Barrie and surrounding areas, with sales hitting the highest level for the month of August in seven years and running not far off the record for the month set a decade ago," said Jerry Hay, President of the Barrie and District Association of REALTORS®. "While supply has risen in recent months, the market remains historically tight. As a result, price gains continue to run well ahead of inflation."

The year-to-date average price for all homes sold via the Association's MLS® System to the end August 2014 was $339,807, up 6.6 per cent from the first eight months of 2013.

The year-to-date average price figure for homes sold within the City of Barrie was $319,416. This was a six per cent increase compared to the average selling price at the same time in 2013. The year-to-date average price figure for the surrounding areas was $369,494, an increase of 7.5 per cent over the same period from last year.

The Barrie & District Association of REALTORS® cautions that over a period of time, the use of average price information can be useful in establishing trends, but it does not indicate actual prices in widely divergent areas or account for price differentials between geographical areas.

The dollar value of all home sales in August 2014 was $144.6 million, up 14 per cent from year-ago levels. This was a record for the month of August.

August recorded the fourth consecutive double-digit year-over-year increase in new supply and also set a record for the month. New residential listings rose 13 per cent from a year earlier to 696 units in August 2014.

Overall supply remains below levels seen in most of the past decade but has ticked higher in recent months. Active residential listings on the Association's MLS® System numbered 1,459 units at the end of August 2014, up three per cent from year-ago levels.

There were 3.3 months of inventory at the end of August 2014. This was down slightly from 3.6 months at the end of August 2013 and stood well below the long-run average for this time of year as well. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

Sales of all property types in the Barrie region numbered 454 units in August, rising 10.5 per cent compared to August 2013. The total value of all properties sold in August 2014 was $150 million, up 16.5 per cent on a year-over-year basis.

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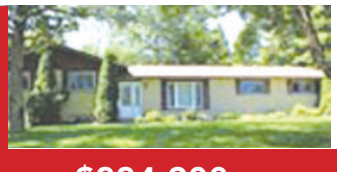

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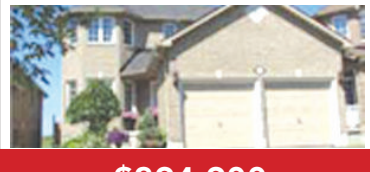

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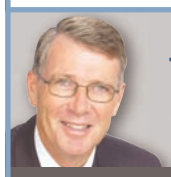

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"Safety should be a top priority for every family," says James Schofield, the manager of damage prevention programs at Enbridge Gas Distribution. "We want everyone to take the right steps to minimize the risk to themselves and others when it comes to public safety."

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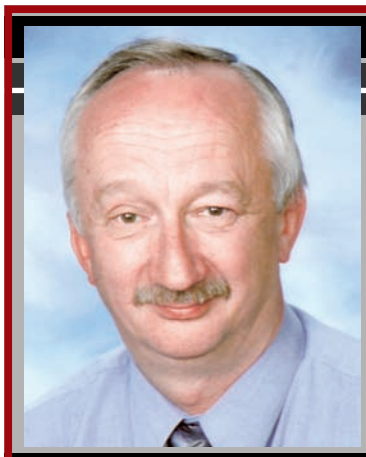

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Fire prevention tips around your home

(NC) Electrical accidents top the list when it comes to house fires in Canada. To mark the importance of Fire Safety Week, take a look at a few safety tips and preventative measures from Hydro One:

Keep electrical cords away from heat and water as they can both damage the insulation and create a shock hazard.

Avoid octopus outlets! Clusters of wires and plugs can be a fire hazard along with using extension cords as permanent wiring.

Put safety caps on any unused electrical outlets, especially if there are young children in the house.

Buy appliances approved by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and always disconnect them before cleaning.

When you're changing a light bulb, be sure to turn off the switch or circuit.

If you're renovating this fall, remember all electrical work must be inspected and approved by the Electrical Safety Authority. This inspection must be done prior to covering any wiring with drywall or any other wall/ceiling materials.

If you're buying a new home soon, an electrical inspection should be high on your list before signing on the dotted line. This will tell you if the house is safe and if any up-dates to the wiring are required to bring it up to code.

More details and information is available online at www.hydroone.com/MyHome/StaySafe/Pages/StayingSafe.aspx.

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Cork flooring delivers on eco-chic style and comfort

(NC) There was a time when homeowners were forced to choose between beauty, function and responsible sourcing. Not so now, according to famed architect and designer, Vern Yip. As a long-time champion of sustainable design, the HGTV star is constantly looking for eco-friendly materials with a fashion-forward appeal that can adapt to any aesthetic.

"The variety of choices available to environmentally-conscious consumers today is remarkable," he begins. "Sustainable design and décor options have come of age, and the advances in cork flooring finishes are a great example."

Recognized for being soft on the feet and warm to the touch, cork flooring is often ranked high on comfort and durability, but was sometimes overlooked for its limiting design options.

New technology enables the look of cork flooring to range from traditional and vintage to artistic and modern, presenting an array of exquisite design possibilities. In fact, cork's versatility offers finished looks that can emulate hardwood, marble, and other textured surfaces.

Yip explains that, "thanks to its diverse, modern, and natural look, cork flooring gives us elegant designs that are as eye-catching as they are functional. New finishes give it a chameleon-like quality that fits any room aesthetic".

Today's printing technologies result in cork being matched to virtually any color, tint, or shade imaginable. For example, if a consumer loves the look of marble, but not the fact that it's cold to touch, cork flooring can be a great alternative that resembles the look while remaining warm and pleasant underfoot.

If you want a rustic look you can consider designs in colours such as deep mahogany or rich chocolate brown that will create a warm look and feel. If you are decorating a child's room you can combine cork planks in different colours, styles, or textures to create a playful appeal.

For open concept homes, cork flooring complements a variety of different wood stains, effortlessly bringing together colours from furniture, doors, cabinets, mantles, tables, and more. Mix and match old with new, high with low, or light with dark. The timeless nature of cork allows your home to be as eclectic as you desire.

You can even give your kitchen a retro appeal. Geometrical and angular floors are making a comeback in a big way this year. Try zigzag, herringbone, or chevron patterns to bring some mid century flair back into your home.

Cork's versatility, beauty, and the fact that its production does not result in any trees being cut, makes it a favorite among green-living advocates. Get inspired with stylish cork décor ideas at realcorkfloors.com.

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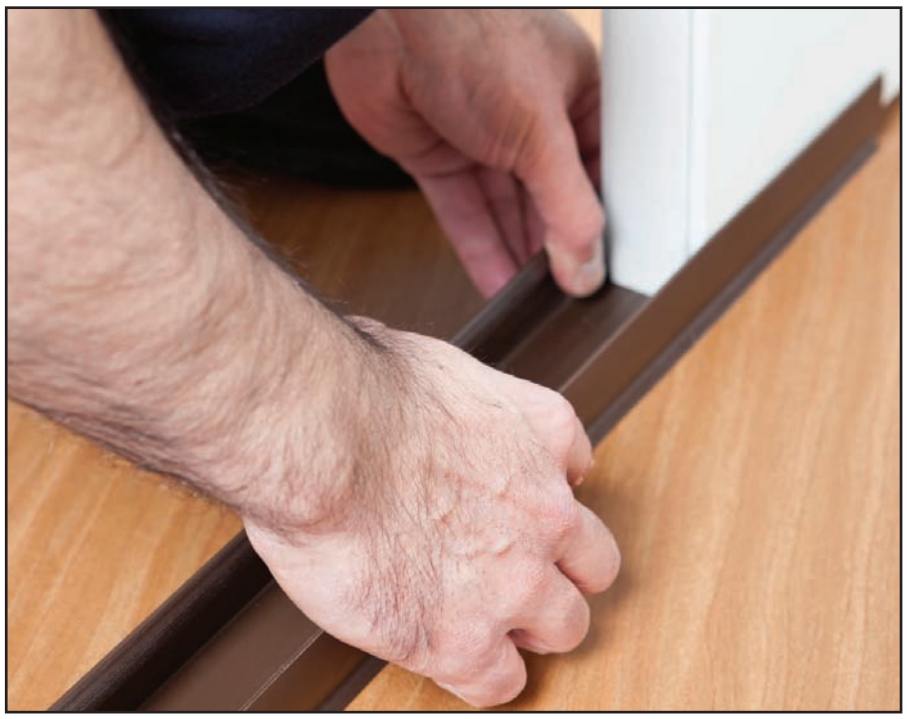

5 myths exposed regarding weatherization

(NC) Many of us get cold feet – literally – when it comes to weatherizing our homes from leaks and chilly drafts. Sometimes our reluctance has to do with confusing information, so to quickly warm you up to this idea, take a look at a few weatherizing myths to reveal the actual truth:

Myth #1: Weatherizing Requires a Handyman

This isn't always necessary. There are many easy-to-use weatherization products available, many of which require minimal tools – if any – and can be installed in a weekend.

Myth #2: Weatherizing Isn't Affordable

Quite the contrary. Many do-it-yourself weatherizing products are easy on your wallet. Homeowners can even save on their heating (and cooling) costs by properly air sealing their homes. And don't forget, some products can be left up year-round, providing added benefits and savings.

Myth #3: Weatherize When It's Cold

It's never too early to weatherize, especially as you prepare for the winter. For best results, take a top-down approach: start with the attic, winterize windows, close gaps around and under doors, and hit the walls to tackle hidden sources of energy loss. Be sure to check your home's nooks and crannies, too.

Myth #4: Being Cold Is a Part of Winter

Outside perhaps, but not inside your home. If you do feel chilled it's likely a sign that your house isn't weatherized properly. One common place to feel drafts is by doors, especially as cracks and gaps can let cold air in and warm air out. Purchase an insulating seal to stop leaks, like the popular Triple Draft Seal from Duck brand. A no-nails-needed remedy, this product slides on to prevent drafts from under the door and it offers three layers of protection: an inner seal helps retain room temperature, an outer seal blocks drafts, and bottom fins help keep out moisture and water.

Myth #5: Windows and Doors Are My Only Problem

There are also behind-the-scenes sources that should be addressed, including electrical outlets and switchplates on exterior walls. Insulating in those places, with a product such as Socket Sealers insulating seals (also made by Duck brand), can create a buffer between the outdoor air and your home's inside, blocking drafts to keep you warm and cozy.

Not only is weatherizing important for energy savings and comfort, it is an affordable and easy, do-it-yourself project. More information is available online at DuckBrand.com/HomeSmart.

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How to add rich hues of autumn to home décor

(NC) Autumn is a welcome opportunity to bring a little of the outdoors into your home. To highlight the wonderful rich hues that come with the fall season, applying a fresh finish to wood furniture, cabinets, and accessories is a simple DIY project that emphasizes the natural grain pattern on any wood.

Here are some simple staining tips to ensure the best results for your finished product:

Equipment:

Fine grit sandpaper
Disposable rubber gloves
Minwax Wood Finishing Cloths
Clean rag

Directions:

Sanding: Always prepare the wood with a light sanding. This ensures that you will get a nice even coat of stain. Always sand in the direction of the grain to avoid leaving scratches and use a fine grit sandpaper to get a smooth appearance. Make sure to remove all the sanding dust before moving on.

Preparation: To keep hands clean, wear the gloves provided in the Minwax Finishing Cloths package. Open the front label. Remove a stain cloth and close front label to keep cloths from drying out.

Application: Using the pre-moistened stain cloth wipe in the direction of the wood grain, working the colour into the surface. Wipe off any excess stain with a clean rag. Never allow any excess stain to dry on wood surface—it will become sticky.

Evaluation: After letting the finish sit for an hour, evaluate your work. If you are satisfied do not apply any further stain. However, for an even deeper color and sheen, wait one hour, and then apply a second coat, using a fresh cloth. Remember – stain provides colour, but not a lot of protection. Apply a clear finish product such as Minwax Polycyclic protective finish to protect both the stain and the wood.

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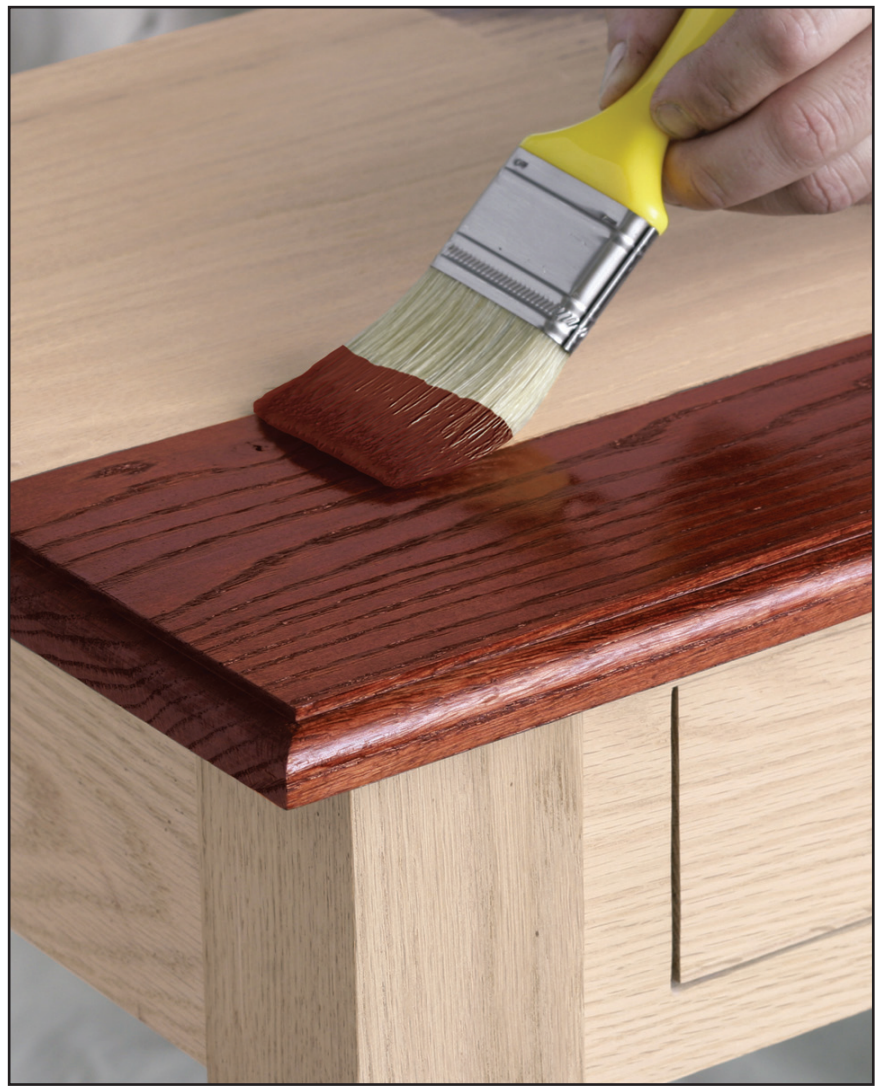

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How to weatherize your home in just one weekend

(NC) If the winter approaching is anything like last year, there may be lots of freezing weather extremes to come. Indeed, last winter's visit from the polar vortex made for drafty homes and high thermostat settings, so right now is the time for do-it-yourself weatherizing. Get started by focusing on a few key areas to make the biggest impact, as follows:

Doors: Examine the caulking around doors, looking for places where snowflakes and chilly air might sneak through. If it's cracked, re-caulk to prevent drafts. For extra protection, use heavy-duty weatherstripping around edges – choose a seal made of EPDM rubber to avoid cracking or freezing.

Windows: Windows are one of the most common areas for air leaks. Install an insulating plastic film to provide an extra barrier between the frigid outside air and your home's inside. The popular Duck brand Roll-On Window Kits are a good choice – they come with a pre-taped edge for easy installation, require no measuring and fit snugly to window frames to provide an airtight seal.

Ceilings: Unfortunately, ceiling insulation doesn't always prevent air from escaping. Take a few minutes to examine the insulation in your attic and identify spots where drafts might occur, such as holes used for wiring, plumbing or recessed light fixtures. Replace insulation and re-caulk as needed.

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Just a few steps will ensure a comfortable and cozy home this winter season, no matter what the weather brings. More information on this topic is available online at DuckBrand.com/HomeSmart.

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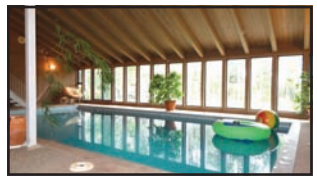

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- Must be seen to appreciate - Mins to golf, ski, Hwy access ++

FABULOUS LAKE VIEWS!

- Step inside this gorgeous waterfront bungalow
- Great room with vaulted clg, gas f.p., hrdwd floor & wall of windows
- Open to custom kitchen w/great work space, centre isl, eating area & w/o
- Full walk-out basement to patio, gardens, dock ++

SEASONAL VIEWS OF THE BAY!

- Walk to the waterfront & all the amenities of Downtown Barrie
- Ranch bungalow with full walk-out lower level in prestigious neighbourhood
- 3+ Bedrooms, 2 ½ Baths, Walk-out from dining to Three season sun room
- Fireplaces in both Living & Rec rooms, Walk-out to stone patio & deck ++

103' WATERFRONT CUSTOM LOG HOME

- Fabulous property with gorgeous 3,000 sq. ft. log home
- Character and charm through-out - fabulous views toward Big Bay Point
- Bright open kitchen adjacent to family room w/walk-out
- Dock, Marine Rails, Cabin/Bunkie - Great location just mins to Barrie

EXCLUSIVE CUL-DE-SAC BY THE LAKE

- Fabulous quality custom bungalow with approx.. 4,490 sq. ft. on the main floor
- Triple garage with inside entry to main floor & lower level
- Gorgeous well established lot w/towering trees, in-ground pool, patios ++
- Exclusive enclave by the Lake, minutes to Barrie, Hospital, College ++

156' WATERFRONT!

- Unlimited potential in the Village of Shanty Bay
- Absolutely gorgeous waterfront lot surrounded by majestic trees
- Panoramic views of Lake Simcoe - Stately character home
- Sandy Beach, 42' x 25' Boat House, Marine Rail ++

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Community Bulletin

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Notice of Study & Public Open House

Innisfil Sanitary Pump Station No. 2 Improvements
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

The Town of Innisfil has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider improvements to Innisfil Sanitary Pump Station No. 2 to provide added pumping capacity to meet projected flows identified in the Town Master Servicing Plan. A phasing and implementation plan for the pump station expansion is to be included in this study.

Alternative solutions being considered include: 1) Do Nothing,
2) Expand the existing station at the current location,
3) Purchase land to expand existing station,
4) Build a new station at a new site.

The Process

This study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule B undertaking as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011).

Public & Agency Input Invited

We would like to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide comment on the planning and design of this project. A public open house will be held to describe the alternative solutions, encourage, gather and respond to public comments and identify next steps in the process.

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Time: from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.
Place: Town of Innisfil Community Rooms A, B and C located at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil ON

To view information on the project, please visit the Town of Innisfil website at http://www.innisfil.ca/sanitary-pump-station-number-two-2. To provide comments, request additional information, or to be added to the mailing list to receive future project notices, please contact one of the following Project Team members by October 30, 2014:

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Town of Innisfil
2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, ON L9S1A1
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aleal@innisfil.ca

Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.* Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. This Notice first issued on September 9th, 2014.

Notice of Study Commencement

COOKSTOWN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Town of Innisfil has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify the most cost effective and environmentally sustainable approach to provide wastewater servicing for the community of Cookstown, as well as the commercial area at Highway 400 and Highway 89.

In 2012, a Town-wide Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan (Master Plan) was completed to identify wastewater servicing solutions for the Town of Innisfil. In order to accommodate growth in the community, the Master Plan recommended an expansion of the existing Cookstown Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to a rated capacity of 1,079 m^3/day, as well as providing servicing for the commercial area at Highway 400 and Highway 89 via private septic tanks.

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for a Schedule C project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (Municipal Engineers Association, June 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011). The study will complete Phases 1 through 4 of the Municipal Class EA process.

Consultation with the public, stakeholders and government review agencies is a vital component of the study, as the Town wants to ensure that anyone with an interest has the opportunity to get involved and provide input to the study process. Two Public Open Houses will be scheduled to provide information on the study. Details of the Open Houses will be published in advance of these meetings. At the completion of the Class EA process, an Environmental Study Report will be filed for public review.

Project updates and notices will be posted on the Town's web site at: http://innisfil.ca/cookstown-water-pollution-control-plant-environmental-assessment-0 to inform the public of the Class EA process.

Please contact either of the following project team members if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on the study, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive future study notifications:

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Comments and information regarding this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are being collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.* With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record. For further information, please contact the Project Manager Ms. Amber Leal.

This notice was first issued on September 19, 2014.

Notice of Public Open House

LAKESHORE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE 3 EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

The Town of Innisfil completed the Lakeshore Water Treatment Plant Phase 3 Expansion Environmental Study Report to identify a preferred solution for expanding the Lakeshore Water Treatment Plant and improve water works in Innisfil for the future. As the Town proceeded through the conceptual design stage of the project, a new solution was identified as having lower impact on the social and natural environment. This new recommended solution allows for a single treatment process which creates less waste, provides enhanced flexibility and ease of implementation for future capacity expansions, and a smaller construction footprint including less construction on the waterfront.

The Town is hosting a Public Open House to present the new recommended solution and to receive input from stakeholders and the public and will be held at the following date and location:

Date: **Wednesday, October 8th, 2014**
Time: **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
Location: **Town Hall, Main Floor Community Rooms 2101 Innisfil Beach Road**

Contact:
Mr. Tom Panak,
Town Project Manager
(705) 436- 3740 ext. 3212

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Board/Committee Meetings

Innisfil Health Committee
September 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Room B&C

Innisfil Heritage Committee
October 2, 2014 at 7 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Room B&C

Police Services Board Meeting (Budget)
October 6, 2014 at 7 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Room B&C

Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee
October 7, 2014 at 1 p.m.. Town Hall, Community Room B&C

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Employment Opportunity

Purchasing Agent (1 year contract)
closes October 3, 2014

Please visit Employment Opportunities on the Town's website for more details.

Municipal Election

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Town of Innisfil is seeking individuals to assist with the upcoming Municipal Election on October 27, 2014. Application information is available at www.innisfil.ca. **Applications accepted until 4:30 p.m. on September 26, 2014.**

Grand Opening

Innisfil Unleashed

"Bark for the Park"

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 5, 2014
Rain or shine at
Centennial Park
(7th Line and 10 Sideroad)

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Participate with your Dog,
Be there for the Official Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 pm,
Treat Fido to a specially prepared cake or
Just enjoy the new Off Leash Dog Park

Come out and see what our Community accomplished together

Cake and Refreshments
Vendor Opportunities
Dog Licenses Available

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For more information visit www.innisfil.ca/off-leash-dog-park-committee

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL ORDER
IN THE COURT OF THE DRAINAGE REFEREE
To: All Landowners within the Assessment area for the Innisfil Creek Watershed
From: The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR DIRECTIONS
Court File No. 04-B7552
BETWEEN:
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL (Applicant)
-and-
BORIS HORODYNSKY, ARMKING & COMPANY LIMITED, CARVALHAIS, DIANE HOGARTH, ANGELA FOX, TONY DE MARCO, MARISA DE MARCO , KERRY YAMAMOTO, JOHN HILVERDA, DAVID GOODWIN, DONNA MCMILLAN, PATRICK MCMILLAN, SUCCESSION FINANCIAL GROUP INC. (Respondents) RICHARD SIMPSON, IAN CAMPBELL, DALE SWAIN, K. ARCHIBALD, WAYNE CHEN, TUAY LIEN CHEN, DOMNICO CICCIA, DANNY MARTINOWSKI, PETER EFSTATHIADIS, ANTONIO FILICE, MARINA FILICE, KEITH SINCLAIR (Participants)

REFEREE ROBERT G. WATERS Wednesday, September 3, 2014

PROCEDURAL ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by the Applicant for Directions with respect to reactivation of this matter was heard this day at the Superior Court of Justice, 75 Mulcaster St., Barrie.

ON HEARING the submission of counsel for the Applicant and other self-represented individuals,

THIS COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. The above-noted style of cause shall be the amended style of cause of this matter moving forward. For ease of reference, the following abbreviated style of cause may be used for the filing of court documents:

   THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL v. BORIS HORODYNSKY et al. & RICHARD SIMPSON et al.

2. This Order shall be served on the assessed owners and those awarded allowances by regular mail. It shall also be published in the newspaper of daily record and posted on the Applicant's website.
3. Memoranda of Appearances shall be filed with the municipality by both parties and participants no later than September 26, 2014 on the form attached to this Order as Schedule 1.

   Please note: Memoranda of Appearance form is available on the Town's website at **www.innisfil.ca** or by contacting Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (705) 436-3710.
4. Parties and participants shall file a Statement of Issues with the municipality, which shall not exceed one page in length, no later than October 10, 2014.
5. Participants will be allowed to make oral or written submissions only without a right of cross-examination or other rights which a party would customarily have.
6. The matter is adjourned to November 4 and 5, 2014 for a hearing of the issues.
7. Materials for the substantive hearing shall be served on the parties in the normal course and posted to the municipality's website by October 24, 2014
8. Costs of this motion to be determined at the substantive hearing.

The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil
2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil Ontario L9S 1A1
Attention: Karen Fraser, Acting Clerk
Served pursuant to the Order of the Referee, dated September 3, 2014

Tax Bill Reminder

Property Tax Bill Reminder

Next Installment due September 29.

Got questions? Call 705-436-3710

Notice of Study & Public Open House

SANITARY PUMP STATION 2 IMPROVEMENTS

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Town has begun a study (Municipal Class Environmental Assessment) to consider improvements to the Town's Sanitary Pump Station No. 2., located on the 6th Line near St. John's Road.

The public is invited to get involved and provide comments to the study. A public open house is scheduled for:

DATE:: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**
TIME: **4:30 TO 7:30 PM.**
PLACE: **TOWN OF INNISFIL COMMUNITY ROOMS A, B AND C 2101 INNISFIL BEACH ROAD, INNISFIL ON**

For more information and notice details, please also see the full ad in this newspaper.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

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The Town is hosting a Public Open House to present the new recommended solution and receive input from the public. The Open House is scheduled for:

DATE:: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014**
TIME: **6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM.**
PLACE: **TOWN OF INNISFIL COMMUNITY ROOMS A, B AND C 2101 INNISFIL BEACH ROAD, INNISFIL ON**

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